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SHIFT OF WESTERN RAILWAY ZONAL OFFICE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Railway Zonal office has not been transferred to Gandhi Nagar or Ahmedabad despite the fact that 80 per cent railway lines of Western Railway Zone pass through Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons for not transferring the Western Railway Zonal office to Gandhi Nagar or Ahmedabad; and

(c) the time by which the above Zonal office is likely to be transferred to one of the said cities and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The location of headquarter of a Railway is decided on the basis of operational and administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and not on regional considerations. Moreover, the shifting of a well established office of Western Railway from Mumbai will also involve large scale transfer of staff resulting in dislocation of their family setup and other allied problems. In view of these, there is no perceptible need for a Railway Zonal Office at Gandhi Nagar or Ahmedabad.

(c) Does not arise.